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BECKER ELECTROCUTED.

Murderer of Herman Rosenthal Pays Death Penalty.

Sing Sing Prison, July 30:—The crooked trail upon which Charles Becker first set foot when a gambler's gold lured him from the straight way of his sworn duty led him today around its last corner and into an impasse from which there was no escape.

A dozen steps, from his cell in the Sing Sing death house to the chair of destruction in the execution chamber, formed the last part of the twisting, winding journey, four years ago began in dishonesty and now ending in the most ignominious of deaths.

The man who caused the murder of Herman Rosenthal died with a fear thickened tongue, barely able to ejaculate a prayer, with his body shaking in spasms, with eyes that must have been darting up, down, to the right, to the left, under the merciful handgaze, for they had so darted before the covering was fixed.

He insisted to the last that he was guiltless by deed or by direction of the murder for which his life was about to be taken.

The greatest sympathy he won he gained by wearing directly over his heart a little photograph of the wife who had fought so long and so hard for him—that and a public proclamation that the only legacy he could leave her was his love for her as the purest and noblest of women.

Becker's last words, a religious aspiration, repeated after Father Kashin, one of the two priests who

stood in front of him, were spoken at 5:44 o'clock.

"Into Thy hands, oh Lord, I commend my spirit," he said haltingly, half-chokingly.

The volt of 1,850 volts of electricity stopped forever his voice just as he had uttered the final word and sent his big bulk heaving upward and outward against the straps that bound him to the chair.

But those words probably would have been Becker's last anyhow, even if at that instant the current had not swept through him and seared from his tissues all life. For he seemed so near to an utter collapse (and this not an individual opinion, but the firm belief of many) that if a few seconds more had been allowed to pass the chair would have held an unconscious man, whose senses had been taken away from him through sheer nerve-panic.

The prison doctor who gave the signal for the throwing of the switch probably knew that. Father Kashin doubtless did not know it, for in the last few seconds he pressed nearer and nearer to the doomed one, and made his voice louder and louder as he called the prayers to which Becker was responding. The voice of the priest seemed actually the only thing that kept the man in the chair in possession of his senses. It was as though the cleric were literally straining his own strength to keep a little strength in Becker.

From the bodily standpoint the giant died hard. For a full minute the electricity was permitted to course through his frame, with the voltage of 1,850 and an amperage of nine, which means an enormous destroying force. Yet the stethoscopes of the

doctors found beneath Becker's broad breast—after all that—a strong, steady heart beat, almost a pounding.

Once more the current swept through the big body, this time for the space of ten seconds. Yet even then there came through the little rubber tubes to the listening ears of the physicians the sound of the man's heart beating steadily, though faintly now.

Late this afternoon an undertaker's automobile here carried the body briskly away from the State prison. The postman put in his bag about the same time a long envelope containing the formal documents, which will be placed in the archives at Albany to show that the man was duly executed and that his end had been viewed by the prescribed number of witnesses.

That was the end of Charles Becker and of the Becker case, which began one June night in 1912 at One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Street and Seventh Avenue, New York, when the man now dead, then in the flush of his police powers, said to those evil creatures of the underworld—Rose, Weber and Valon—"Rosenthal must be croaked! Croak him!"

PRICE PAID FOR LUBLIN.

Cost Germans Seventy Thousand Men, Says Dispatch.

Geneva, Switzerland, August 1:—The capture of Lublin cost Gen. Woyrsch 70,000 men in killed, wounded and prisoners. Four miles north of Lublin the Russians are fighting fiercely, disputing every foot of ground while covering their retreat," says an Innsbruck dispatch to the Tribune. "In an advance of seven miles with seven army corps Field Marshal Von Mackensen lost 35,000 men. The army massed from Lowicz to Ostrowiec has begun an advance upon Ivangorod and Novo Alexandria, the evacuation of which was commenced by the Russians Friday night, according to the Germans. The latter have dispatched more than ten trainloads of ammunition from Radom to Lodz towards Warsaw since July 23.

"The Russians, who attacked south of Przasnysz, killed 5,000, wounded 8,000 and took prisoners 13,000 of the eighth German army corps."

The Tribune's Laibach correspondent says: "A general Italian offensive was begun yesterday on the Tyrol, Trentino and Carnia front, forcing the Austrians to evacuate some of their strongest positions. The Italians have pierced the second Austrian line on the Carso plateau, taking several miles of trenches."

The People's Mercantile Co has just unloaded a carload of Flour made from the new wheat crop. This firm is headquarters for plain or self-rising Flour and is selling it now at a lower price than at any time since the war broke out. See this reliable firm when you want Flour. 8-5-2t

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SCRANTON SKETCHES.

Enjoyable Events among Young Folk There.

Scranton, August 3:—The annual picnic by the Methodist Sunday-school was held at Cockfield's landing, on Lynch's river, last Thursday. Bathing in the river proved to be the popular pastime with the boys. Of course there were girls who did not "paddle their own canoe". Then there was lemonade "made in the shade, stirred with a spade"—and kodaking. Next came dinner on the grounds. Rev J B Prosser invoked the blessing. Appetites sharpened by this time did (in)justice to the bounteous spread prepared by the good ladies. The only interruption to mar(?) the delights of the afternoon was the watermelon cutting. Mr N H May was the donor of those appreciated melons. The crowd was large and enjoyed the occasion immensely.

Perhaps the most enjoyed social outing of the season so far was the camping party of girls chaperoned by Miss Lilly Graham and Mrs R B Cannon. The party spent from Thursday until Saturday on Lynch's river at the Fanny Lee homestead. The girls cooked and lived in open air in daytime, but when night came, no tents or wigwams for them, they took sleeping apartments in the Lee house. The girls learned to swim (in this they did not drink the river dry) and row the boat. They are wishing for a return trip. And now, boys, what those gentle lassies don't know about feats in the "old swimming hole in the crick" would fill a volume the size of one of Uncle Sam's agricultural year books. Friday night a car of young folk called on the merry campers. In the auto party were: Misses Janie and Rosa Wall, Messrs Tommie Creecy, Dessie Graham and W A Myers at the wheel. "Bill" says his party was not served fried trout on tin platters a la camper's style. I M G.

Gleanings from Salters.

Salters, August 2:—We are having some very hot, dry weather which is doing much damage to the crops. Corn and cotton are burning badly, especially on light land. A good rain would be more than welcome and be of much benefit to growing crops.

Mrs J W Bailey and little daughter, Ruth, have returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in the upper part of the State.

Rev W I Sinnott is conducting a protracted meeting at Lake City this week. He is being assisted by Rev A R Woodson.

Rev J W Bailey and family spent several days in Charleston last week. The young folk gave a dance at the town hall Wednesday night, which was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs M J Salters has returned to Blenheim after spending some time with her daughter, Mrs C E Moseley, at this place. Miss Jane Salters is visiting rela-

tives at Blenheim this week.

Mr Walter David and family of Marlboro county are visiting relatives here. We are always glad to see our old friends.

Mr Charlie David and family are visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr S D McKay was quite sick Sunday.

Dr and Mrs J G McMaster of Florence visited relatives here Sunday. LOOK OUT.

Items from Bryan.

Bryan, August 2:—Farmers in this section are busy gathering and curing tobacco, a season that is hard on chickens, as it calls for chicken suppers.

Mr S B Timmons, who was painfully injured in a runaway accident about six weeks ago, being thrown from a wagon and his ankle broken, is now able to get about on crutches.

Mrs Ulmer, her son and daughter, Harvey and Frances, of Columbia are here on a visit to Mrs W D Bryan, Mrs Ulmer's mother.

Mr S J Walters spent Sunday with his parents at Suttons.

Mr J R Barrineau visited Andrews Saturday. SUBSCRIBER.

Fire at Clinton last week caused a loss of \$50,000.

VICTIM OF RATTLESNAKE.

Little Girl Lives 24 Hours after Being Bitten.

Walterboro, August 3:—The two-year-old daughter of Mrs Annie Garris of Round, in Colleton county, met with a horrible death yesterday, the result of a rattlesnake bite Sunday. The child, it seems, was going down a path in some weeds and the snake apparently was lying across the path, the child stepping upon it. The strike was fair, hitting the child in the large toe and making a deep wound, from which blood was pouring when assistance came. The leg was corded, prolonging the life of the child for twenty-four hours. Had this not been done, the doctors state, death would have resulted in ten minutes. The snake was a male, which, unlike the female rattlesnake, has no rattles, thus giving no warning of its deadly strike.

When an attempt was made to kill the snake it put up a fierce fight and two men were required to kill it, and then with considerable danger to themselves. This is the first fatality of its kind in the county for several years, and the age of the child makes it the more sad.

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